

GENERAL ORDERS, }

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HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

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By direction of the Secretary of War, private letters received by officers of the Army for transmittal through the lines of the United States troops to persons living in the enemy's country, will not hereafter be forwarded, but will be sent to the Dead Letter Office, in the city of Washington. Exception to this rule is made in favor of letters addressed to officers and men detained as prisoners by the insurgents.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL MCCLELLAN:

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*Adjutant General.*

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